



# Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot

## *City of Long Beach, CA*

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5105)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

### BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Long Beach for a Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot. The City of Long Beach is the recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Pilot and a Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot. The City of Long Beach (population 442,000) is located on the Pacific coast, 20 miles south of the City of Los Angeles. The Job Training Pilot will focus on the state Enterprise Zone, which is the largest such area in the state, including approximately 26 square miles and over 10,000 businesses. The city-wide poverty rate is approximately 17 percent; however, the poverty rate among minorities is higher, at approximately 27 percent.

The City of Long Beach has identified four major brownfields areas and numerous, scattered, environmentally impacted sites. Three Brownfields Assessment Pilots (City of Los Angeles, City of Carson, and City of Lynwood) are located near the City of Long Beach's assessment pilot. In the State of California, environmental and hazardous waste employment opportunities are increasing. However, contractors do not have enough certified workers to

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



*Long Beach,  
California*

**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2000

**Amount:** \$100,000

**Profile:** The Pilot will train 150 participants as environmental technicians. Students will be recruited from low-income residents and TANF recipients living in the state Enterprise Zone, which encompasses the impoverished neighborhoods economically impacted by numerous, scattered brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

meet the cleanup challenges posed by the many contaminated sites awaiting cleanup in the area. Workers possessing hazardous materials training and certification are expected to be in high demand.

## **TRAINING OBJECTIVES**

The City of Long Beach plans to train 150 participants, achieve a 55 percent placement rate, and support career placement of graduates for one year after the training is completed. Participants will be recruited from residents of the Enterprise Zone receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and other residents with incomes at or below the poverty level. The Pilot training program will consist of 15 weeks of customized pre-apprenticeship instruction, including construction, selected hands-on projects, and the 40-hour HAZWOPER training, including training in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies. An advanced environmental testing program will be available for selected students.

The City of Long Beach's training efforts will be supported by organizations such as the City of Long Beach Private Industry Council, Long Beach Community College, Advanced Technology Laboratories, University of California-Los Angeles, Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles, and California Department of Transportation. Program graduates will be provided the opportunity to earn 10 college credits.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting outreach to recruit low-income residents of the Enterprise Zone, particularly those receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
- Conducting brownfields technician training, including courses in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies; and
- Supporting career placement of students for one year after the job training is completed.

*The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.*